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The United States Supreme Court today declined to review the death sentence of Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman. Rahman, known as James Lee Jones at the time of his crime, was convicted for the 1986 stabbing death of Patrick Daniels and the attempted murder of Daniel's girlfriend, Norma Jean Norman. The couple were bound with duct tape before he attacked the pair with a butcher knife. Earlier this year, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated Rahman's death sentence, which had been overturned by U.S. District Judge Todd J. Campbell in April, 1998. At the time, Judge Campbell said the defense attorneys failed to adequately defend Rahman.